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## **MOTION TO SUPPORT H.R. 2677, LOS ANGELES RESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER NOISE RELIEF ACT OF 2011 (ITEM NO. 3, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 8, 2011)**

Item No. 3 on the November 8, 2011 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky to support H.R. 2677, the Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011; direct the Executive Office to send letters to Representatives Tom Petri and Jerry Costello, the Chair and Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Aviation; and direct the County's Legislative advocates in Washington, D.C. to advocate for the most effective regulations possible, which recognize the unique needs of Los Angeles County's residential neighborhoods, environmental resources, and cultural attractions.

H.R. 2677 is a bill, introduced by Representative Howard Berman (D-CA), which would require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to issue, within 12 months of the bill's enactment, regulations for helicopter operations in Los Angeles County that include requirements relating to the flight paths and altitudes associated with such operations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas. The bill provides that the Administrator of the FAA may exempt helicopter operations related to emergency, law enforcement, or military activities from the requirements. H.R. 2677 was introduced on July 28, 2011, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which has not yet scheduled any action on the bill.

If the bill is enacted, the regulations issued by the FAA could apply to the helicopter operations of the County Sheriff's and Fire Departments though the FAA may exempt helicopter operations related to emergency or law enforcement activities from its

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requirements. Both the County Sheriff's and Fire Departments are concerned that their helicopter operations are not required to be exempt from the requirements in the regulations, and oppose the bill unless amended to require the FAA to explicitly exempt their departments' helicopter operations.

**Because there is no existing Board-approved policy relating to the FAA's regulation of helicopter operations in the County, support for this motion is a matter for Board policy determination.**

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